Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-27.

Please add claims 28-31 as follows:

28. (new)   An extension layer for extending the functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system, comprising:

a first access system coupled to a first framework which interacts with the first framework;

a second access system coupled to a second framework which is not identical to the first framework and which interacts with the second framework; and

a coupling system for connecting to an extension module for an extensible framework providing access to content or functions of the extension module;

wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.

29. (new)   An extension layer for extending the functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system, comprising:

a first access system coupled to a first framework which interacts with the first framework;

a second access system coupled to a second framework which is not identical to the first framework and which interacts with the second framework;

a coupling system for connecting to an extension module for an extensible framework providing access to content or functions of the extension module; and

a synchronization system for synchronizing data from the extension module;

wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.

30. (new)   An extension layer for extending the functionality of a framework which is separate from an operating system, comprising:

a first access system coupled to a first framework which interacts with the first framework;

a second access system coupled to a second framework which is not identical to the first framework and which interacts with the second framework;

a coupling system for connecting to an extension module for an extensible framework providing access to content or functions of the extension module;

a synchronization system for synchronizing data from the extension module; and

a communication system allowing for the transfer of data or instructions between the extension module and an extensible framework.

wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.

31. (new)   An extension layer for accessing and using an ordered file, comprising:

a first extensible ordered-data flow-based framework;

a second extensible ordered-data flow-based framework which is not identical to the first extensible ordered-data flow-based framework;

an extension module for an extensible ordered-data flow-based framework containing ordered data;

an abstraction layer having a uniform cross-platform interface between the extension module and an extensible ordered-data flow-based framework and being separate from an operating system; and

a synchronization module for handling data flowing between the extension module and the extension layer;

wherein the extension layer provides a uniform, cross-platform, framework-independent interface between the first and second frameworks and the extension module.